

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 51, lines 11-25, with the following amended paragraph:

siRNA transfections. FLIP-targeted siRNA was designed using the Ambion siRNA target finder and design tool (www.ambion.com/techlib/misc/siRNAfinder.html) to inhibit both splice variants of c-FLIP. Both c-FLIP- targeted (FT) and scrambled control (SC) siRNA were obtained from Xeragon (Germantown, MD). The FT siRNA sequence used was: AAG CAG TCT GTT CAA GGA GCA (SEQ ID NO:1). The FL siRNA sequence used was: AAG GAA CAG CTT GGC GCT CAA (SEQ ID NO:2). The control non-silencing siRNA sequence (SC) used was: AAT TCT CCG AAC GTG TCA CGT (SEQ ID NO:3). siRNA transfections were performed on sub-confluent cells incubated in Optimem medium using the oligofectamine reagent (both from Life Technologies Inc) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Please amend the Sequence Listing by substituting the Sequence Listing submitted herewith in paper and electronic form (diskette).